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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 August 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 and 4-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 4-36 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

3. Claims 1 and 4-24 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,634,797 to Montgomery.
4. Regarding **Claims 1 and 4-24**, Montgomery teaches a dynamic cardiac phantom comprising: a phantom body made of pliable material to expand and contract based on an injection and discharge of fluid therein, wherein the phantom body has a shape to simulate that of a heart, the phantom body further having a shell made of the pliable material and that defines a fluid chamber in a volume defined by an interior surface of the shell (Abstract, Col. 2 Lines 15-45 and Fig.16-28); a plurality of protrusions connected to the shell and in fluid communication with the fluid chamber, each of the plurality of protrusions having a shape to simulate a respective chamber of the heart (Fig. 16-28); and at least one inlet connected to the shell at one end and fluidly connected to the fluid chamber, the at least one inlet having another end connectable to a fluid source to pass fluid to and from the fluid chamber and the plurality of

protrusions in a manner to simulate cardiac motion. (Abstract, Col. 2 Lines 15-45 and Fig.16-28)

5. **Claims 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Montgomery in view of U. S. Patent No. 6,498,828 to Jiang**

6. Regarding **Claims 25-36**, Montgomery teaches all of the above claimed limitations but does not expressly teach all the details of the CT scan system, or imaging via Mri, NM/PET scanner and x-ray scanner.

7. Jiang teaches a computed tomography system comprising: a rotatable gantry having an opening (Abstract and Fig. 2 element 30); a high frequency electromagnetic energy projection source to project high frequency energy toward an object (Abstract and Fig. 1); a scintillator array having a plurality of scintillators to receive high frequency electromagnetic energy attenuated by the object(Abstract); a photodiode array having a plurality of photodiodes, wherein the photodiode array is optically coupled to the scintillator array and is configured to detect light energy emitted therefrom (Fig. 4 element 52); a plurality of electrical interconnects configured to transmit photodiode outputs to a data processing system (Fig. 4); a computer to produce a visual display based upon the photodiode outputs transmitted to the data processing system (Fig. 2 element 36)

8. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Montgomery with a CT scan system taught by Jiang, since such a setup would result in a cardiac phantom imaging system where in one device could do all the functions of a cardiac phantom and image the phantom.

Conclusion

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SANJAY CATTUNGAL whose telephone number is (571)272-1306. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 - 5:00 pm.
10. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Brian Casler can be reached on (571)272-4956. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.
11. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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